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## The Gambling Mania.

A correspondent of the Norfolk Journal, writing from Baltimore, tells this story:

"Some time during the last winter there came to our city a man from Norfolk, with an interesting family, consisting of a wife and three daughters, the eldest probably not over ten or twelve years of age. Like old Damos, the husband and father came here to make his fortune. He was a good workman, and he offered inducements to parties wishing watches repaired or any work done in his line of business by advertising to do it for one dollar, after the style of Cheap John. The result was that very soon he had a good run of trade, and his friends here who had known him in Norfolk and Portsmouth were pleased with his apparent success. A few days since they were startled at the announcement that he had pawned every watch or other valuable that had been left with him for repairs and had left at an unreasonable hour for parts unknown. He is said to this credit that he carried his family with him. It would have been better for all concerned if he had remained in Norfolk, where the temptation to gamble is probably not so great as here. Or it may be the result would have been the same in either event. It is not believed by those who know this man that he ever contemplated such an act when he offered such inducements for work, but his fondness for gambling tables reduced his family to want to raise a stake, with the hope of exciting himself from the net of poverty; he was led to pawn one watch after another until he launched into water too deep, and here he was swamped.  
An incident in his life was told us to-day. Several months ago he pawned several of his customer's watches. They could not be had when called for. Excuses were framed to meet the demands. Those excuses were repeated until the owners of the watches began to 'smell a rat' and made a formal demand. Then the Cheap John consulted his lawyer and told him his situation. He was advised to look for his money where he had lost it, but in a different way—to go to Dr. Slater and tell his situation, and ask for money enough to relieve him from his difficulties. This was done, and the result was satisfactory. The money was given and with it a lecture upon the evils of gambling. We are told that, instead of taking this money and lifting the watches, he went directly to another gambling house and there lost money given him to save his good name. The sequel has been told.

FOOT-COVERINGS.—The mistaken notion that only a small foot can lay claim to beauty, even though its smallness comes by compression and not by nature, is slowly but surely giving way; and the shoemakers will hasten to avail themselves of the change.

Last Summer an attempt (it failed, we are sorry to say) was made to introduce broad soles and square, English toes. Standing in the shop-windows, their effect was not so pretty as the effect of the dainty narrow-tipped, pointed-toe French gaiters. Therefore they were scouted as ungainly by the happy mortals whose feet, despite a long siege of French boots, were still tolerably sound. This year, however, some relief is looked for, and the only permanent relief will come, not with plasters and lotions, but with wide, sensible soles, and low, broad heels. The way has already been opened by the introduction, this season, of these desirable alterations into the low shoes called indifferently "Croquet slippers," "Oxford ties," "Newport ties," and a variety of other names. These are to be followed in the Autumn by buttoned walking-boots of kid and goat-skin, having square toes with rounded corners, broad soles, and the widening from toe to joint being scarcely perceptible, and low heels, not more than half the height of the absurd French ones. But it must not be supposed that, in thus obtaining comfort, good looks are abandoned. Anybody who has worn these ease-giving shoes knows that they are vastly more becoming than the strictly Parisian gaiter. The breadth of sole, permitting a corresponding narrowness of the upper-leather, so sustains the foot that, even in an old boot, it is not inclined to spread, as it must where the upper is wide, and the sole slender. A well-shaped foot, though it be large, is beautiful; and a misshapen foot, as small as Cinderella's, is ugly. No foot can remain beautiful where the toes are unnaturally cramped, or when the entire weight of the body is thrown on the toes by exaggerated heels.

Beyond this important change in form, there will be but little difference in the new Fall boots. Buttoned gaiters are such decided favorites that it is unlikely they will be displaced before another Spring, though belmoral boots, lacing on top, and kid gaiters, lacing on the inside, will be somewhat worn by those who prefer novelty to grace.—Scribner's Magazine.

SIGNATURE OF THE CROSS.—The mark which persons who are unable to write are required to make instead of their signatures, is in the form of a cross; and this practice, having formerly been followed by kings and nobles, is constantly referred to as an instance of the deplorable ignorance of ancient times. This signature is not, however, invariably a proof of such ignorance. Anciently the use of the mark was not confined to illiterate persons; for among the Saxons the mark of the cross, as an attestation of the good faith of the person signing, was required to be attached to the signature of those who could write, as well as to stand in the place of the signature of those who could not write. In those times, if a man could write, or even read, his knowledge was considered proof presumptive that he was in holy orders. The clerics, or clerk, was synonymous with penman; and the laity, or people who are not clerics, did not feel any urgent necessity for the use of letters. The ancient use of the cross was therefore universal, alike by those who could and those who could not write; it was, indeed, the symbol of an oath, from its sacred associations, as well as the mark generally adopted. Hence the origin of the expression, "Save the mark," as a form of ejaculation approaching the character of an oath.

BELTS! BELTS! Another supply of MOROCCO BELTS. These have a great advantage over steel, as they do not rust. For sale at FERGUSON'S HAIR DEPOT.

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**GREEN'S NOTION HOUSE,**  
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**SURPRISE CURLS!**  
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SURPRISINGLY CHEAP.  
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All long hair, best quality, at only one dollar.

I am now prepared to deliver in large or small quantities my popular  
**GREAT SURPRISE CURLS!**  
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Call and see them; all shades made to order, and no extra charge for special colors.

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Choice styles JEWELRY, BRACELETS, &c., &c.  
600 new designs for STAMPING.  
Work executed in the best manner and at the lowest rates.  
**HAIR WORK! HAIR WORK!**  
of every description, manufactured on the premises.  
For making Combing Switches, 50c, 75c and \$1; larger size, \$1.25. Satisfaction guaranteed in every case at  
**FERGUSON'S HAIR DEPOT,**  
66 King street.

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## REAL HAIR.

**\$3,700 worth of Real Hair**

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Daily additions to stock. Manufactured into any design required by a large corps of hair workers, who are in full view of all customers. Hair wholesaled at prices as low as any importing house in the country. No extra charge for special colors. Grey Hair at 25 per ct. less than any house in the country. Hair Combing made into beautiful Switches, Braids, Curls, Puffs, Frizzies, &c., and if the work is not satisfactory no charge will be made. Goods sold or work done here kept in order for five years, which is an inducement offered by no other house in existence. Hair Goods mailed to any point in the United States, postage paid, from  
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## PROPOSALS.

**PROPOSALS FOR CHURCH STEEPLE**  
Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned committee until 12 o'clock in the morning, September 1, 1873, for the construction of a STEEPLE ON G. R. A. C. E. (EPISCOPAL) CHURCH, in accordance with plans and specifications which may be seen at the office of J. R. Lambdin, Architect, corner King and Fairfax streets, Alexandria, Va.  
The committee reserve the right to reject all or any of the bids received.  
Satisfactory bond will be required for the faithful performance of all work.  
W. M. A. SMOOT,  
H. H. SERVICE,  
GEO. DARLEY.

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## NOTICE TO WELL-DIGGERS.

Sealed proposals will be received until AUGUST 23d for DIGGING A WELL in the coal cellar of the New Market Building—said well to be 6 feet diameter in the clear, of sufficient depth for thorough drainage, and to be bricked up. It will also be covered over with 2 inch all heart Georgia pine or locust, secured to a frame 4x6, all heart. The contractor will be required to remove the dirt and leave the premises and street free from obstructions, and be liable for all damage to the building and pavement—the sand dug out of the well to be the property of the city, but must be removed to the street by contractor and piled separately from the dirt. Bids must be for per foot in depth. Right to reject reserved by the committee.  
JOS. HOPKINS,  
Chairman Com. on Pub. Prop.  
aug 16-5t

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**THOMAS PERRY,**

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT

AND AGENT FOR

THE SALE OF FERTILIZERS,

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aug 16-5t

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The proximity of this store to the Market House, the centre of trade, will enable me to obtain good prices for Flour, Grain and Country Produce consigned to my care.

Consignments and orders for Groceries respectfully solicited. They will receive careful and prompt attention. oct 26-4f

**W. A. SMOOT,**

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SMOOT'S WHARF,

(Foot of Princess st.)

Alexandria, Virginia.

feb 21-4f

**R. M. LAWSON,**

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Nos. 67 and 69 Cameron street,

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Also of the

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feb 5-4f

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Wholesale Dealers in

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PROVISIONS,

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Also keep on hand a general assortment of Cordage, Tar, Pitch, Nails, Lime, Packing, Oils, Lamps and Ship and Naval Stores.

All orders and consignments promptly attended to, and goods forwarded without delay to consignees on arrival.

Agents for Dupont's Gunpowder.

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mh 10-4f

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BILLS out to order and delivered per Alexandria and Fredericksburg Railway.

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Interest allowed on deposits, subject to call, as may be agreed upon. Will be glad to give or obtain any information for parties desiring to make investments. aug 22

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Chartered by the United States Government.

FIRST MORTGAGE SIX PER CT. GOLD COUPON AND REGISTERED

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Interest paid June and December here and in New York.

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With Sinking Fund,

And free from Government, State and other taxes, issued only on completed road,

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Orders promptly filled. mh 31-4f

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